Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims supersedes all prior listing of claims.

1.   (Previously Presented) A method of changing the available features in a software-implemented feature set containing a plurality of features, comprising the steps:

forming a token from identification information and feature related information and issuing the token from a communication device;

receiving the token at an authorization device and obtaining identification information and desired feature related information from the token;

in response to a determination to authorize change in the feature set, the further steps of:

using the identification information to generate an authorization key;

forming a feature change code from the authorization key and information related to an authorized feature set and issuing the feature change code from the authorization device; and

receiving the feature change code at the communication device and obtaining the authorization key and information related to the authorized feature set from the feature change code;

generating a local authorization key using the identification information;

comparing the authorization key obtained from the feature change code with the local authorization key; and

implementing the authorized feature set if the authorization key obtained from the feature change code and the local authorization key match.

2.   (Previously Presented) A method of a communication device for changing the available features in a software-implemented feature set containing a plurality of features, comprising the steps:

forming a token from identification information and feature related information and issuing the token to an authorization device;

receiving a feature change code from the authorization device and obtaining an authorization key and information related to an authorized feature set from the feature change code;

generating a local authorization key using the identification information;

comparing the authorization key obtained from the feature change code with the local authorization key; and

implementing the authorized feature set if the authorization key obtained from the feature change code and the local authorization key match.

3.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a random number is also used in the step of forming the token.

4.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a random number is also used in the step of generating the local authorization key.

5.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the identification information comprises data relating to at least one of a software identification number; a Device Identification number; a Subscriber Identification Number.

6.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the identification information also comprises hardware version number data or software version number data.

7.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, where the step of forming a token

comprises the step of forming a secret key from the identification data and using the secret key

as an encryption key to encrypt the feature related information.

8.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, where the step of generating a local

authorization key comprises the step of forming a secret key from the identification data.

9.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, where the step of generating a local

authorization key uses a non-reversible operation.

10.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, where the token contains payment

information in respect of the requested feature alteration.

11.   (Previously Presented) Apparatus comprising:

means for forming a token from identification information and feature related

information

means for issuing the token;

means for receiving a feature change code;

means for obtaining an authorization key and information related to an authorized feature

set from the feature change code;

means for generating a local authorization key using the identification information;

means for comparing the authorization key obtained from the feature change code with

the local authorization key; and

means for implementing the authorized feature set if the authorization key obtained from

the feature change code and the local authorization key match.

12.   (Previously Presented) A method of authorizing change in the available features in a software-implemented feature set containing a plurality of features, comprising the steps:

receiving a token;

obtaining identification information and feature related information from the token;

in response to a determination to authorize change in the feature set, the further steps of:

using the identification information to generate an authorization key;

forming a feature change code from the authorization key and information related to an authorized feature set; and

issuing the feature change code.

13.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein a random number is also obtained from the received token.

14.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the random number is used in the step of generating the authorization key.

15.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the identification information comprises data relating to at least one of a software identification number; a Device Identification number; a Subscriber Identification Number.

16.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the identification information also comprises hardware version number data or software version number data.

17.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12, where the step of obtaining information from the token comprises the step of deriving a secret key and encrypted data from the received token and using the secret key as a decryption key to decrypt the encrypted data to obtain feature related information.

18.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12, where the step of generating an authorization key comprises the step of forming a secret key from the identification data.

19.   (canceled)

20.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12 where payment information in respect of the requested feature alteration is obtained from the token.

21.   (Previously Presented) Apparatus for authorizing change in the available features in a software-implemented feature set containing a plurality of features, comprising:

means for obtaining identification information and feature related information from a token;

means for determining to authorize change in the feature set;

means for generating an authorization key using the identification information in response to determining to authorize change in the feature set;

means for forming a feature change code from the authorization key and information related to an authorized feature set; and

means for issuing the feature change code.

22.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the feature change code enables alteration of the software-implemented feature set on a feature-by-feature basis.